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SUBJ: RIGHTWING AND NEUTAL PAPERS IN HONG KONG PUBLISH

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER BLASING THE PRC AS A PLACE WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS "MEET WITH UTTER CONTEMPT AND ARE MERCILESSLY TRAMPLED ON" HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THREE PRO-KMT NEWSPAPERS AND ONE NEUTRAL CHINESE DAILY IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS. BOTH ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS MAY 25 RAN STORIES ON THE OPEN LETTER. ONE OF THEM, THE "SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST", QUERIED CONSULATE REGARDING THE OPEN LETTER, AND ACCURATELY REPORTED THAT THE CONSULATE SPOKESMAN "DECLINED TO COMMENT".

2. THE LETTER, SIGNED BY ABOUT 600 LOCAL RIGHTWING SCHOOLS, FIRMS, AND ASSOCIATIONS, ASSERTED IT WOULD BE ABNORMAL FOR AN ADVOCATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS LIKE THE U.S. TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH A REGIME WHICH DOES NOT HAVE A CONCEPT OF BASIC LIBERTIES. IT CALLED ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO EXAMINE THE SIDE-SPREAD ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF THE

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PEOPLE IN CHINA AND TO UPHOLD AMERICA'S FOUNDING SPIRIT IN DEFENDING FREEDOM AND CONDEMNING TOTALITARIANISM.

3. THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "HONG KONG STANDARD" ALSO NOTED THAT WHILE THE LETTER WAS SAID TO REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE LOCAL CHINESE COMMUNITY, MANAGING

DIRECTOR OF SHOW BROTHERS FILM STUDIO, RUN RUN SHAW -
ONE OF THE NAMES ON THE LONG LIST - SAID HE KNEW
NOTHING OF IT. THIS STRENGTHENS OUR FEELING THAT
THE LETTER WAS PROBABLY WRITTEN IN TAIPEI AS PART OF
A DEVELOPING ROC PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO USE U.S.
ADVOCACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN ARGUMENT AGAINST
U.S. NORMALIZATION WITH THE PRC.
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